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SUBJECT: DEA TRAINING WELL RECEIVED BY BANGLADESHI
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¶1. SUMMARY. A team of four DEA trainers delivered a two week Basic Drug Enforcement Seminar June 11 - 22 to a group of 31 enthusiastic Bangladeshi counter-narcotics officers. The course attendees came from four agencies and work at the field investigator to field supervisor level. END SUMMARY.

¶2. COURSE CONTENTS. The Basic Drug Enforcement Seminar was tailored to the needs of the Bangladeshi law enforcement community based on the advance party's work (reftel). While the two week course covered topics ranging from operational planning and undercover operations to proper evidence handling and report writing, the high points of the instruction were drug identification using real narcotics and real test kits supplied by the DEA, and hands-on training in proper handcuffing techniques.

¶3. COURSE ATTENDEES. Out of the 31 officers attending, nine each came from the Bangladesh Rifles, the Department of Narcotics Control, and the police, while four came from Bangladesh Customs. The Bangladesh Rifles (border security force) sent five majors and four captains from units stationed at Cox's Bazar, Panchagar, Pelkhana, Chittagong, Jessore, Sylhet and their own training school. The Department of Narcotics Control sent two superintendents, three assistant directors and four inspectors from Chittagong, Dhaka and Jamalpur. All of the police attendees were Criminal Investigation Division inspectors from Dhaka, Chittagong and the Bandarbans. The four Customs officers were a superintendent, a director, an inspector and a preventative officer from Mymensing, their Intelligence and Investigation Cell, Dhaka and Chittagong, respectively.

¶4. COMMENT. Post welcomes opportunities like this to bring outstanding training opportunities such as instructors from DEA's Office of International Training and DEA's regional office in Delhi to Bangladesh's counter-narcotics community. The DEA Seminar provided a valuable opportunity for the participants to share information and techniques based on local knowledge. Previously, the Bangladesh Rifles had not been identified as an agency so interested in counter-narcotics. Based on the DEA Advance Team's meeting and the attitude of the Bangladesh Rifles officers at the seminar, however, it is clear the Bangladesh Rifles are interested in developing more counter-narcotics capability. Based on needs identified by both the attendees and their respective agencies, Post plans to use existing funds to provide field testing kits to the Bangladeshi

counter-narcotics agencies. Post also will relay information from the course attendees about seizures and prosecutions resulting from or facilitated by the training.

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